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SUBJECT: ABORTION LAW--PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR DEALING
WITH CONSTITUTIONAL COURT DECISION

REF: A) USBER 342; B) BONN 2928 (NOTAL)

1. FRENCH BONN GROUP REP (BOISSIEU) INFORMED US REP
BILATERALLY FEB 27 THAT PARIS HAD GIVEN HIM A "SEVERE
REBUFF" ON THE DRAFT BK/L ON WHICH HE HAD REQUESTED THE
QUAI'S VIEWS (PARA 1 REFTTEL B). HE INDICATED THAT PARIS
REMAINED NEGATIVE ON POSSIBILITY OF ALLIED ACTION.
BOISSIEU ADDED THAT FRG FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR
VAN WELL HAD RAISED SUBJECT BILATERALLY IN PARIS WHEN HE
WAS THERE LAST WEEK FOR EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING.
VAN WELL SAID HE HAD REPORTS FROM BERLIN THAT THERE WAS
A PROBLEM ON THE ABORTION LAW MATTER AND ASKED THE FRENCH
IF THEY COULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. ACCORDING TO
BOISSIEU, THE FRENCH IN PARIS RESPONDED WITH A SIMPLE
"NO", WHICH VAN WELL ACCEPTED WITHOUT ARGUMENT.

2. WE HAVE LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT AN FRG INTER-
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON BERLIN ASPECTS OF ABORTION LAW
PROBLEM WAS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON FEB 27, BUT MATTER
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HAS NOT BEEN RAISED IN BONN GROUP OR BY FRG WITH US

BILATERALLY OR, SO FAR AS WE KNOW, WITH FRENCH OR BRITISH
HERE. BERLIN REPS STOBBE AND MEICHSNER HAVE, HOWEVER,
RAISED THIS MATTER BILATERALLY WITH FRENCH HERE. BOISSIEU
HAS TOLD US THAT THEY WERE GIVEN A VERY CLEAR EXPLANATION
OF THE NEGATIVE FRENCH POSITION.

3. MEANWHILE, JUSTICE SENATOR KORBER IS REPORTED IN THE
FEB 27 FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE AS SAYING THAT THE BONN
GROUP WOULD BE CONSIDERING THE MATTER IN THE NEXT FEW
DAYS AND IT WAS NOT TO BE EXCLUDED THAT THE ALLIES WOULD
ISSUE AN ORDER WHICH WOULD REMOVE THE PRESENTLY-EXISTING
LEGAL DISUNITY BETWEEN BERLIN AND THE FEDERATION.
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